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O Delphicke oracle is truer than that *Maxime*, The hardest thinge, been of greatest value. Wherefore *Aristotle* the great, doth easily win credit to his bookes *de Anima*, by foretelling the difficultie of the inten-

ded subiect. Now, of all things vnder the heauens holownes, nought is attained with lesse facilitie than vertue: which is so inestimable a gemme, that the dainty fingers of *Palladius*, the golden bowels of *Quintus*, nay, the perfectirelenting *Diamond* by comparison will but come odious. The reason why she is so deere bought is perspicuous: for that there are millions of wayes to euill, and poore one to goodnes. So then, it must needs be praisably done, to hit the clout in a fildes, the punch in a butte, the centre in a circumference. If the morall Scholler wil sit in *Vertues* triumphing chariot, he must be a *Phaëton*, and make his wilde affections treade the right path: lest if *Phaëton* like he giue them head, they forthwith carry him to the *Lion*, and *Bull*: to the *Bow*, and *Scorpion*, to one vgly vice on other. It is much to come acquainted with vertue in generall; but especially with that gentlemanly habit *beneficence*: whose praises no wight can expresse, though hee runne diuision vpon them the whole yere together. The very name of hee is *Dauid* *Musike* to a good eare: but (alas) not one

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of many that by shooting short, or over doth not lose
lier. The saying of father *Chremes* to his selfe-veking
neighbour will taste with the most,

*Vebemens in extrang, partem, Menedeme, os nimis,
Aut largitate nimia, aut parsimonia.*

But, lest I be holden a vagabond, I betake me to
method. First I describe the bounteous man: then I
point out the most direct, and compendious way to his
vertue. Some such order I obserue in the extreames.

He is the liberall man that bestowes his precious mettall
vpon such persons, and matters as is behoouesfull in such
sirs; and time as he ought.

[That bestowes.] For it is the property of vertue, ra-
ther to giue than receiue. It is also more difficult.

[Vpon such persons.] For every *Synon* that hath *Ore
miserece laborum tantorum* in his mouth, doth not taste
of his merry. Hee regardeth not the parasiticall kis-
finger, & soothing table-friend, who seemes to gratifie
him with faire demaure, when indeed he is a *Melan-
chus*, a *Pamphagus*, and a deuourer of his Substance.

He abhorres the vn-sufferable, execrable, and repre-
bats Iesters, knowing him to be the diuells quail-pipe,
that calls gentils to their bane.

As for the passive wench with the loches qualitie,
he may not brooke her: and why? He is sure shee will
go proud, when she goes proud: and cause both purse
and body to be none exhaust.

No, no, he considers that *Bountie* and *Iustice* are two
louing twins, that alwaies walke hande in, hande. Hee
takes a view of the mapers of his relative, of his affecti-
on, of his laudable partes, rewarding him most freely
whom hee findeth most vertuous. Again, his purse is
preferr'd where there is most need. He is the *Zephirus* that
breathes on the widow, orphan, and four-footed cripple,

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and on the true Souldier maimed in defence of our common mother.

Above al, he is gracious to the learned sisters (whom antique Poets most truely feigned to be *virgins*, so easily are they wronged and misused of this graceles age.)

Concerning expences vpon liueles *subiects*, he is warie and prouident: prouiding alwaies that he maintaine his credit; imitating *Nature*, which abideth neither defect nor superfluitie. He is none of those that build vast kitchens, but cold: spacious ouens, but emptie: gaudie chimnies, but smokeles. He is none of those that raise proud turrets, and ample chambers, with Peripaetickall galleries, till their purses lye speechles, and they become right housekeepers. What doth he then? Mary he vseth the best method, beginning a *notioribus nat'ra*, with the barne and kilne, and in tract of time erectes a worthy house to the relieuing of needy visiters.

To take leaue of this point: he spends nothing on gorgeous aray, the tel-tale of vanitie: nor vpon frolicking, the immediat predecessor to *Venerie*: but hath his purse in a string, and keepes a *decorum* in his actions.

In such sort and time as he ought.] For benignitie must be correspondent to the giuers ability. Of all, and of all he lookes to this, that himselfe be not drawn drie, lest too late, he sigh forth a booke *de tristibus* pester'd with such like verses, *Tempus erat quando poterã placuisse rogãti,*
Hei mihi quod non est.

Wherefore he euer forecasteth, and remembreth that *Dor non dicatur.*

Furthermore, he perfourmeth his action with deliberation, aduisedly, prudently, chearefully, and for the right ende: For *Liberaltie* consisteth not in the quantitie of the giste, but in the minde of the Gier. Finally, hee is neuer Practitioner when hee is inuironed with

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with eies: for that is ostentation, and ranke poyson to this vertue. Go too now, were I a *Theophrast*, or *Marcus Tully*, that golden Triump of eloquence, yet should I come short in commending the *Liberall*. O heauenlie mind that esteemes go'de as *Quick-silver*, and *Brins-stone*, scorning to be vassalliz'd by an *Indian Excrement*. Who keepes open house, and open purle: regarding others, and yet not neglecting himselte, vpholding others, and yet himselte not vnder. Surely so healthfull a plannet, that blesseth his inferiours with his influence, in spight of *Ennis* and *Tyme* shall purchase immortallitie. There is a two-fold threed will bring thee out of the *Laborinth* of vice to *Beneficence*.

First, thou must endeavour to auoyde that vice, which is most opposite to it.

Then, thou must marke to which of the vices thou art most inclined by nature, and frame thy selfe to the contrarie.

Now step I ouer to the Spend-all, who consuming his *Patrimonie*, killes himselte with kindnesse: & this yonger is rather to be pittied for his follie, than condemned out of measure for his fault. This vnthrif is onely *Pro nunc* (as *Laucell* saies) neuer prognosticating, vnlesse on this wise.

The first day merrie weather. The second and third vnmasked heauen. The fourth and fift, weather indeed. Full moone on Munday the sixt, limpid ayre. The seuenth, eighth, ninth, and tenth, neuer such trim weather since king *Richard* did naked to *Leicester*. The eleuenth, and twelfth, dame *Earth* haire waxes long. The thirteenth, the sunne sheades his beames most radiantly. The foureteenth & fiftteenth the may-bird sings plaint-
song lustily. The sixteenth, and seuenteenth, weather,
weather, weather, fine weather, wished weather. And
thus,

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thus regardlesse of flecte, blacke frosts, tempests, thus
desclap, eclipses after a while; like the *Optimie Moods*;
he hath yet more an Aduerbe of wishing ioyned with
him. If he meete his mistresse, he halos her to the Ioy-
bus, and at first hatherles out Drawer, fill a quarie of
thy most vendible claret. His braine heated, the cor-
ruption of one pot is the generation of another. Then
coupleth he lippes with his make, and threatens down-
fall to the chamber. And when his purse is corke-light
he thus tryumphs ouer her.

Dicitur de Penelope et de Pulchra Penelope: (as though he
meant to the cow in mountaine *Ouida Cynallia*, and her
vigilant keeper, whose hundred eyes were sette in the
Peacocks raine. Yet to the good mocke cock, who ha-
th shewed all the kinde to his hen, that list can;
crows and clappes his wings, and is lighter by an ounce
at the least. Ne will he take heede of the *Idemall sea*, cal-
led *Irem*, and *Irem*, till he be vppon the morelesse rocke,
named *Summa totalis*. Alacke for pittie that the best
witer and kindest natures are most addicted to this
good vice. Well how gentle is he blamable, yet in some
part it agreeth with *Liberation*, and by Age and Want
may to some be brought to medicine. *Thomastokes* was
such an vngacious wag, and so franke, that his father dis-
inherited him, and his mother disparting of his alimend,
made a long letter of her selfe. Yet in processe of time
he was not the man: for he left his by wayes, and grow
to singular account with the waste publike. *Fabius* was
a wilde youth yet in his best time a man of good stufte.
This so, no doubt but the kind-hearted gentleman may
descend to the mean, which shall in short time be effec-
ted: if for a time he stee to be miserable. Not for a
Persian mountain would I amplifie this poynte any
more: for I think each *Now* or *how* will lye at the in-
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durate Burton-capt. *Fuch.* As this shirle knowe of
nothing but earth so hath he a downy look. His neigh-
bours inside cannot fetch fire, but he thinks his pelle is
gone with her. His cocke cannot scratch for a coney
but he fears his coyn will be digged vp. Where he is
there he is not; here he is not, there he is for his mind
is a thing (his filer). He is hourly taking vp substance,
and yet not for himselfe.

Says not for yourselves, O man, beare the yoke.

What more monstrous then that money should be
gett in a tyce; he neuer quiet, but when his coyn is in-
gardening. At night his coyns see no sleep, or if they do
it is momentarie. for as euerie minute he grunts like
a riddle, so hee hog. So that that shop well in his pocket,
which the peevish Doct. gave. Dide when that was
harmefull.

Neeraway. That is the
solution of the maner of this.

Disciple. I am not sure.

And his luggage full of baggage, kept by one boy, who
was his cook and butler.

The wretch at midnight
by chance fell asleep, and dreamed that a sheaf with
vintie four of keys in his hand, was about the lock of
his well belaid companion. At night he staid up, crying
out a maile.

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wrote him, *dear son, I am your father.*

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had supping one had shew him a mancher, he light
upon his master, growne dilapidating it most curiously,
so that every face he is knowne by his torn nose.

No matter if all sisters were forsed so, vsed by Sir
If men were to ladsge, they should all and euery of
them be made offioundly, to the great endangering of
their neck-bones. *Cervix* *Amoris* is a capital plague on
swallowing gulfe, a bottomlesse hell, the greatest euill
that shee euill can shuffe into a countrey. Where the

Soluto is bigger, the body is little, where this mischief
increaseth, vntill it is in a consumption. O what a rotten
taile of euill doth this lame beast draw after her. Hence
is it that the father leese his, not his hunger quailed,
while the mouse and weasell gawper themselves in the
garner. Hence is it that the Chents purse is neuer lesse
full than when full. Hence it is that the tenth sheafe is
scarse the tenth part of the ninth, or at the least, the least
in the companie. Hence it is that one and the selfe same
dish, shewes it selfe on one and the selfe same table, til it
be either gray-headed, or vide *Aristotelem de generatione*

Animalium. Hence it is that the dunce hides his butter-
teeth in bacon, while the approoued scholler pickes
marrow out of a Spauld-bone. Hence it is that the farmer
deales with his daughter, as he does with his hecfor in
the market, he that will giue most for her, take her. In
summe, hence it is that such a number of money-men
ride continually to hell in wheele-barrowes. Who lists
to reade *Dances* his repentance in *Adelphi*, shall see as in
a picture, the cursed state of *Illyboratic*. This carle,
who a long time had beene *alto agrestis famus, tristis, par-
cus, fructulentus, senax*, (for so he speaketh of himselfe to
himself) on a sodain becomes a *Misio*. The reason, *Mei
me fugiant, meam mortem expectant*. Lo here the guerdon
of too much neerenesse, hate is the misers seruing-man.

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Money came in by law, "use nature," and was traded
for the safe supply of all the severall necessities. Then,
would not he be downe to some exquisite death,
that keeps it in close prison till one peace infects ano-
ther? *Confessing* after gold, hadde his fault filde
with lead. *Aspiring* after wealth, had gold pow-
red in his mouth. *Pride* bur all men should haue
some such *Confession*. *Belmondo* is selling out well, w

There's no remedie for this disease, no electuarie,
no pill, no potion can purge it: the onely way to helpe
is to gette some Supporrie fellow to blowe
Pindell into his lumme. And thus
though rudely haue I plaid
the Summiffer.

and continually to sell in whole parcels. We hold a
 name, hence it is that such a number of men, women
 and children, the first will give us for their part. In
 dearies with his daughter, as he does with his brother
 manow out of the land, and the first that he must
 reach in person, while the approach of better pictures
 than any. Hence it is that the dance hides his part
 be either gray-headed, or with white locks, or even
 with, shows it all on one and the same table, that
 in the company. Hence it is that one and the same game
 teaches the tenth part. Hence it is that the tenth part is
 full than when full. Hence it is that the tenth part is
 game. Hence it is that the Chorus part is never left

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